(Rs. in lakhs)

	1989	*1990*	*1991*
Sales	518.55	325.73	445.60

(b) Financial support is already being rendered for meeting wages/salaries requirement.

(c) and (d). Schemes for modernisation etc. are undertaken from time to time subject to availability of funds.

Child Labour in Leather Industry

3208. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Not Child's Play" appearing in the Indian Express dated October 13, 1991 regarding child labour in Dindigul Leather Tanning Industry in Anna District, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so,the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to appoint any Commission to study the working conditions of these unfortunate children;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (e). Yes, Sir, The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Fertilizer Production

3209. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to increase the production of fertilizers with a view to stabilize the prices of fertilizers;

(b) if so,the names of the units where the production is proposed to be increased;

(c) whether the Government propose to invite the participation of private sector in this field;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of fertilizer industries proposed to be set up under public and private sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan and the production target fixed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a)and (b). The maximum consumer prices of fertilizers are statutorily notified by the Government of India. The details of major schemes identified in Public and cooperative sector where the production is proposed to be increased are given below:-

i) Expansion of Vijaipur Plant of National Fertilizers Ltd.

ii) Expansion of Aonia Plant of IFFCO.

iii) Expansion of Hazira Plant of KRIBHCO by setting up a nitrophosphate unit.

iv) Revamping/expansion of the plant of Madras Fertilizers Limited.

v) Expansion of Thal Plant of Rasthriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. by setting up ammonia/nitrophosphate plant.

vi) Modernisation and expansion of Cochin-II Plant of FACT.

vii) Putting up of a modern 900 TPD ammonia Plant in replacement of three old ammoina plants ar Udyogmandal by FACT.

viii) Expansion of Kandia plant of IFFCO.

ix) New ammonia/urea plant by KRIBHACO on HBJ pipeline.

(c)and (d). Yes, Sir. Four new Ammonia/Urea Plants and one nitrophosphate plant are currently under implementation in the private sector in the field of fertilizer production in the country during the eighth plan period. Another private sector unit has proposed doubling of the capacity of their existing Ammonia/Urea plant on the HBJ pipeline. However, under the new Industrial Policy, no licence is required for setting up a fertilizer plant.

(e) The firmed up figures of production target and details of new projects will be available only after Eighth five year Plan is finalised.

[*English*]

Funds for Leather Industry

3210. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to provide funds for the development of leather industry;

(b) whether the existing leather manufacturing units under Public Sectors are being neglected;

(c) whether the administrative ministry of the Public sector leather manufacturing units concerned has sought financial assistance for their modernisation;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the efforts being made to protect and develop the public sector leather manufacturing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J.KURIEN): (a) There is a programme of Govt. of India, for the development of leather scot with UNDP assistance. The total UNDP assistance for this project is of the order of US$ 15.05 million.

(b)to (d). The proposal of M/s. Bharat Leather Corporation was also considered for inclusion in this UNDP project. The proposal of Bharat Leather Corporation sought assistance to the extent of nearly US $10.01 lakhs out of which US $9.54 lakhs was envisaged for procurement of equipments. Since the main objective of the programme under UNDP assistance was for human resource development, strengthening of R&D facilities to facilitate product and technology development, improve support services, implement a strategy for pollution control etc., the proposal of M/s. Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd. was not found suitable for inclusion in the final Programme Document, as it was capital intensive.

(e)Government aims at promoting overall development of leather sector and makes no discrimination between private and public sector leather manufacturing industry. The two public sector leather manufacturing undertakings under the Central Government viz., Tannery & Footwear Corporation (TAFCO) and Bharat Leather Corporation (BLC) are provided with funds from time to time for implementation of Plan schemes for development of their leather/footwear manufacturing activities. Non-plan funds are also